

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE PATENT OPERATIONS

Art Unit:

3749 (Examiner Kathleen A. McNelis)

Applicant:

Stephen M. Potter

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CHARGED IN DIRECT REDUCTION PROCESS

Charlotte, North Carolina January 20, 2006

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Official Action mailed August 10, 2005.

A credit card authorization form in the amount of \$1020.00 for the Large Entity Extension of Time Fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to DOUGHERTY & CLEMENTS LLP Deposit Account No. 04-1448.

Respectfully submitted

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